

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 8 have been amended. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, drawings and claims as originally filed.

The undersigned attorney would like to thank Examiner Saether and Sharp for the courtesies extended to him during the personal interview on March 3, 2005. During the interview, an agreement was not reached. However, the proposed amendment to the claims were discussed. The Examiners conceded that the limitation concerning the teeth and point defined over the previous rejection.

The Examiner has objected to the specification for a typographical error. This error has been eliminated. Also, the Examiner has objected to the claims for various typographical errors. Likewise, Claims 1 and 8 have been amended to overcome the typographical and grammatical errors.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by EPO 0378907 (Anquetin) in view of Polos (U.S. Patent No. 3,385,156), Seymour (U.S. Patent No. 5,447,400), Harker (U.S. Patent No. Re. 36,662). Also, the Examiner rejected the claims as being unpatentable in view of FR 2640704 in view of Ryan. The Examiner alleges that these combinations would render Applicant's invention obvious to those skilled in the art.

Claim 1 has been amended. Claim 1 further defines that each tooth converges towards the axis in a longitudinal direction going from the head shaft toward the screw nut shaft. The tooth has a generally triangular shape defined by a side for connection to

the screw nut shaft and by two free sides. The free sides form cutting edges and come together to form a point. Thus, the teeth together define a point symmetrical with respect to the axis projecting longitudinally on the screw nut shaft in the longitudinal direction.

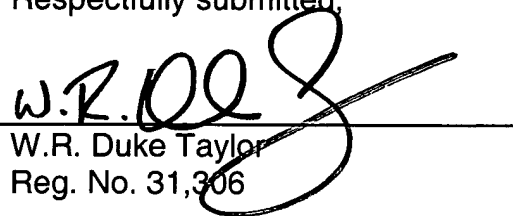
The art relied on by the Examiner fails to disclose or suggest these features. As was discussed at the interview, none of the references cited by the Examiner illustrate the tooth with the free sides forming cutting edges and coming together to form a point. Accordingly, the Examiner indicated that such a distinction overcame the prior rejections. Accordingly, Applicant believes Claim 1 to be patentably distinct over the art cited by the Examiner. Likewise, Claims 2-9 which depend from Claim 1 are patentably distinct over the art cited by the Examiner.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant would submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request the Examiner to pass the case to issue at his earliest possible convenience. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present application, he should not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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